DIY CHAIN LINK FENCE PLANNING AND PURCHASING

A STEP BY STEP METHOD FOR INSTALLING YOUR OWN CHAIN LINK FENCE

1. COMBINE THE COMPONENTS

- Line Post
- Terminal Post
- Drive Gate
- Walk Gate
- Stakes
- String Line
- Gate Post Hinge
- Tension Band
- Fabric

2. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Contact your local utility company to verify that underground utilities (e.g., gas, water, and electrical lines) are not located in the proposed fence area. This will help prevent damage to the lines and ensure the integrity of the fence during installation.

3. LEVER YOUR FENCE BELOW

Mark the location of each terminal post and ensure the fence is set according to the specifications listed in Step 1. The placement of the fence should be level and parallel to the ground surface.

4. BUILT & SET TERMINAL POSTS

- Measure and mark the locations for each terminal post. Ensure the posts are straight and level using a plumb bob or level tool.
- Install the terminal posts by driving them into the ground using a hammer or a post driver. Make sure the posts are set to the desired height and that the top is flush with the ground.

5. INSTALL TOP RAIL

- Use a string line to measure the distance between terminal posts and mark the location for each rail end band. Install the rail end bands to the terminal posts using the appropriate hardware (e.g., screws or nails).
- Install the top rail onto the rail end bands. Ensure the top rail is tight and level.

6. FABRIC & TENSION BANDS

- Stretch the fabric from the terminal post already attached, toward the line post. Test it for tension (it is stretched enough when it gives 1-2 in. of slack). Fasten the fabric with tie wires, spaced approximately 12 in. apart on line post.
- As you stretch the fabric, test it for tension (it is stretched enough when it gives 1-2 in. of slack). Slowly slide fabric downward to ensure a snug fit.

7. TIGHTENING CABLES & BOLTS

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8. INSTALLING TOP RAIL

- Measure and mark the locations for each terminal post. Ensure the posts are straight and level using a plumb bob or level tool.
- Install the terminal posts by driving them into the ground using a hammer or a post driver. Make sure the posts are set to the desired height and that the top is flush with the ground.

9. SETTING FABRIC

- Stretch the fabric from the terminal post already attached, toward the line post. Test it for tension (it is stretched enough when it gives 1-2 in. of slack). Fasten the fabric with tie wires, spaced approximately 12 in. apart on line post.
- As you stretch the fabric, test it for tension (it is stretched enough when it gives 1-2 in. of slack). Slowly slide fabric downward to ensure a snug fit.

10. TIGHTENING CABLES & BOLTS

- Make sure the fence is set according to the specifications listed in Step 1. The placement of the fence should be level and parallel to the ground surface.

11. FINAL TOUCHES TO TERMINAL POSTS

- Place top rail together with the wire you just set on the top rail. Note: You may need to remove a 2nd wire & bottom ends of wire at the desired location. Twist this wire in a corkscrew pattern & bottom ends of wire at the desired location. Twist this wire in a corkscrew pattern & bottom ends of wire at the desired location.

12. REMOVING FABRIC

- Use a tension band to eliminate any slack in the fabric. Adjust the tension bands as needed to ensure a tight fit.

13. FINAL TOUCHES TO TOP RAIL

- Use a tension band to eliminate any slack in the fabric. Adjust the tension bands as needed to ensure a tight fit.

14. INSTALLING TOP RAIL

- Measure and mark the locations for each terminal post. Ensure the posts are straight and level using a plumb bob or level tool.
- Install the terminal posts by driving them into the ground using a hammer or a post driver. Make sure the posts are set to the desired height and that the top is flush with the ground.

15. SETTING FABRIC

- Stretch the fabric from the terminal post already attached, toward the line post. Test it for tension (it is stretched enough when it gives 1-2 in. of slack). Fasten the fabric with tie wires, spaced approximately 12 in. apart on line post.
- As you stretch the fabric, test it for tension (it is stretched enough when it gives 1-2 in. of slack). Slowly slide fabric downward to ensure a snug fit.

16. TIGHTENING CABLES & BOLTS

- Make sure the fence is set according to the specifications listed in Step 1. The placement of the fence should be level and parallel to the ground surface.

17. FINAL TOUCHES TO TERMINAL POSTS

- Place top rail together with the wire you just set on the top rail. Note: You may need to remove a 2nd wire & bottom ends of wire at the desired location. Twist this wire in a corkscrew pattern & bottom ends of wire at the desired location.

18. REMOVING FABRIC

- Use a tension band to eliminate any slack in the fabric. Adjust the tension bands as needed to ensure a tight fit.

19. FINAL TOUCHES TO TOP RAIL

- Use a tension band to eliminate any slack in the fabric. Adjust the tension bands as needed to ensure a tight fit.